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To: Mental Health Legislation Team, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

**Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010: Consultation on the draft Mental Health (Primary Care Referrals and Eligibility to Conduct Primary Mental Health Assessments) (Wales) Regulations 2012**

The Royal College of Psychiatrists is the leading medical authority on mental health in the United Kingdom and is the professional and educational organisation for doctors specialising in psychiatry. The College is committed to improving the understanding of psychiatry and mental health. We are at the forefront in setting and achieving the highest standards through education, training and research and we lead the way in developing excellence and promoting best practice in mental health services. The RCPsych in Wales represents over 500 Members.

The RCPsych has been in discussions with the RCGP and WaMH in PC in responding formally to the consultation processes associated with the Mental Health (Wales) Measure; this has included exploring shared training initiatives. The RCPsych in Wales support the response submitted by RCGP and WaMH in PC and is essentially the result of such collaborative work.

As with other areas of the consultation process there are difficulties in responding due to the still emerging definitions of Primary and Secondary Care.

Following discussions with the Royal College of General Practitioners (Wales) (RCGP Wales), the RCPsych in Wales fully agree with the response to this consultation that RCGP Wales sent to Welsh Government on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2011.



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